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Red Aide Ousted as Spy

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WASHINGTON, July 1 (UPI).—The U.S. today ordered the expulsion of a Soviet Embassy attache—said to be really an agent of the Russian secret police—on grounds he tried to force a U.S. government employe with relatives in Russia to spy for the Kremlin.

The "attache" was identified as Gennadiy G. Sevastyanov. He was ordered to leave the U. S. immediately.

He came to this country on a diplomatic passport in 1959, officials said, and in actuality was an agent of the Committee for State Security — the KGB, the Soviet Union's secret police.

SEVASTYANOV WAS accused of masquerading as a chauffeur and attempting to obtain information from a man identified only as "John," who is an alien and a U. S. government employe.

The department for which "John" worked was not identified, but one source said it was an office connected with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sevastyanov was accused of attempting to corce "John," a native Russian who was about to receive U.S. citizenship, by threatening reprisals against his family in Russia.

The Soviet Union was informed of the expulsion at a conference between Richard H. Davis, acting head of the State Department's European section, and Georgi M.

Kornienko, acting head of the Soviet Embassy in the absence of Ambassador Anatoli F. Dobrynin.

Sevastyanov was declared persona non grata—not welcome—in a note which said that he was guilty of "highly improper activities incompatible with his diplomatic status."

HE WAS the eighth Soviet diplomat to be ordered expelled from the U. S. since 1960. During the same period nine members of the U. S. Embassy in Moscow have been expelled by the Russians.

The note handed to Kornienko specifically said that beginning April 28, Sevastyanov had "attempted to recruit for espionage purposes a alien resident who is an employe of the United States government."

"The United States government cannot permit such unacceptable behavior on the part of an official of the Soviet Embassy," the note said. "Therefore Mr. Sevastyanov's continued presence in the United States is no longer accept-



Vladimir Gridnev . . . smuggled into U.S. by Reds.

able. The Embassy is requested to arrange for his immediate departure."